

Tennessee Events

(Calendar events are as accurate as possible at press time. Since times or event schedules may change, telephone numbers are provided so you can call to confirm. For a complete listing of events in Tennessee State Parks, visit the Web site www.tnstateparks.com/events.)

September

- 5** **Rugby.** 40th Historic Rugby Village Pilgrimage. Visit historic museum buildings, lodgings, private historic and new period homes. Morris dancing, music and demonstrations are also planned. Event hours are 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Admission is charged. Info: 1-888-214-3400.
- 11-13** **Roan Mountain State Park.** 47th Annual Fall Naturalists' Rally. Area naturalists present hikes, bird walks, forest ecology, wildflowers and more. Reservations required. Info: 423-477-2235.
- 11-13** **Fall Creek Falls State Park.** 31st Annual Mountaineer Folk Festival, featuring old time music, pioneer skills demonstrations, and crafts. Info: 423-881-5298.
- 11-13** **Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park.** 9th Annual Celtic Festival. Admission is charged. Info: 423-543-5808.
- 12** **Davy Crockett Birthplace State Park.** Mountain Melodies, a bluegrass festival held on the banks of the Nolichucky River at shelter 3 in front of the Crockett Birthplace cabin. Hours are 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Info: 423-257-2167.
- 12** **Standing Stone State Park.** National Rolley Hole Championships. This traditional marbles contest draws some of the country's best players. Info: 931-823-6347.
- 12** **Tims Ford State Park.** 2nd Annual Heritage Day Celebration. Celebrate the Elk River Valley. Event hours are 1 p.m.-5 p.m. at the recreation building. Info: 931-962-1183.
- 12** **Rugby.** Historic Rugby Workshop: It's Fall Wildflower Time! Author and photographer Jack Carman will lead several walks around Rugby to view 25-30 wildflower species. A slide presentation and book signing are included. Workshop hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. A fee is charged. Info: 1-888-214-3400.
- 12** **Summertown.** Swan Trust's Mound Bottom and Narrows of the Harpeth Canoe Trip. Canoe on this five to six hour trip to tour Mound Bottom State Archaeological Area, Mace Bluff, and take out at Narrows of the Harpeth. Info: 931-964-4402.
- 12-13** **Fort Loudoun State Park.** 18th Century Trade Faire. Held on the banks of Lake Tellico, the Faire showcases one of the earliest British fortifications on the western frontier. Info: 423-884-6217.
- 13-19** **Paris Landing State Park.** 20th Annual Bicycle Ride Across Tennessee (BRAT). The ride will begin at Paris Landing State Park and feature some flat terrain along with hills and river valleys. Expect rural scenery and back roads. Info: GaryW.Patterson@tn.gov.

- 19 & Oct. 17** **Frozen Head State Park.** Volunteer Trail Day. Bring a daypack with water, lunch, and good hiking boots to the visitor center at 9 a.m. Moderate hiking is required and participants will return at 3 p.m. Info: 423-346-3318.
- 19-20** **Pinson Mounds State Archaeological Park.** 27th Annual Archaeofest, offering craft demonstrations including pottery, basketry, leatherwork and jewelry making, as well as Native American story telling. Info: 731-988-5614.
- 19-20** **Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park.** Primitive Atlatl and Spear. Make a spear and spear thrower. Bring wood-carving tools if available. Adults only. Hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. A fee is charged. Info: 423-543-5808.
- 25** **Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park.** Overmountain Victory Trail March. Members of the Overmountain Victory Trail Association will cross the Watauga River at Sycamore Shoals just as the militia did 227 years ago. Info: 423-543-5808.
- 26** **Cordell Hull Birthplace State Historic Park.** Public Lands Day, a morning of trail work followed by a guided hike on the Bunkum Cave Trail. Meet at 9 a.m. at the trailhead. Info: 931-864-3247.
- 26-27** **Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park.** Victory Trail Celebration, an encampment by the Company of Overmountain Men militia before the Battle of King's Mountain in 1780. The event starts at 10 a.m. Info: 423-543-5808.

October

- 2,3,9, 10,16 17,23, 24,30** **Big Ridge State Park.** Ghost House Hikes. Join Park Rangers for 1.2 miles of spooky stories from Big Ridge's past. Bring flashlights and a reservation is required. The event is for ages six years and above. Info: 865-992-5523.
- 2-4** **Jonesborough.** National Storytelling Festival. The International Storytelling Center presents the world's most prestigious storytelling festival. Info: 1-800-952-8392.
- 3** **Warriors' Path State Park.** Environmental Education Workshop. Try teaching techniques that bring conservation to life and learn to use nearby familiar environments as "natural classrooms." Free. Pre-registration is required. Hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Info: 423-239-8531.
- 3** **Rutherford County.** State Natural Areas Program Field Trip: a 3.5 mile Botanical Hike of Flat Rock Cedar Glades and Barrens State Natural Area. Reservations required. RSVP by Sept. 30. Info: 615-532-1378.
- 3-4** **Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park.** Fort Watauga Knap-In. Celebrate Tennessee Archaeology Week with demonstrations of how pre-historic man made stone tools and weapons. Hours are 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Info: 423-543-5808.
- 8** **Cordell Hull Birthplace State Park.** Cordell Hull Birthday and U.N. Day, including a display of artifacts, a slideshow and talk celebrating both events. A 7 p.m. start is planned. Info: 931-864-3247.

- 10 Tims Ford State Park.** Shade Tree Pickin's, a day of bluegrass, country and gospel music on the grounds of the Recreation Complex presented by area musicians. Event hours are 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Info: 931-962-1183.
- 10 Edgar Evins State Park.** 4th Annual History Hayride, a family oriented ride back into the history of the area. Admission is charged. Info: 1-800-250-8619.
- 10-11 Fort Loudoun State Park.** Garrison Weekend, featuring a weekend of re-enactors in period costume, an 18th century infirmary, a soldier's barracks, and more. Info: 423-884-6217.
- 12-13 Fall Creek Falls State Park.** Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs' Conservation Camp. Info: www.gardencentral.org.tennngardenclubs.
- 17 Sgt. Alvin C. York Historic Park.** 2nd Annual Sgt. York Day. Annual commemoration of York's battle in the Argonne Forest in France during World War I. Info: 931-879-3657.
- 17 Johnson City.** Stories from the Pumpkin Patch at Tip-ton-Haynes State Historic Site. Listen to stories around a bonfire or in the cave, take a hayride around the grounds. Admission is charged. Info: 423-926-3631.
- 17-31 Norris Dam State Park.** Annual Fall Color Boat Trips. View a beautiful display of nature's artistry with narra-tion and history provided by park rangers. Trips depart daily from Norris Dam Marina at 11 a.m.; 12:30 p.m.; 2 p.m.; and 3:30 p.m. A fee is charged and reservations are required. Info: 865-426-7461.
- 18 Signal Mountain.** Emma Bell Miles Celebration. Cel-ebrate Emma Bell Miles of Signal Mountain, who lived from 1879-1919 and was an artist, poet, natural-ist and author of books including *Our Southern Birds* (1919) and *The Spirit of the Mountains* (1905). Hours are 2 p.m.-5 p.m. Info: 423-886-1784.
- 23-24 Bicentennial Capitol Mall State Park.** 6th Annual History Festival, featuring Tennessee history and re-enactors. Info: 615-741-5280.
- 23-25 Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park.** 21st Annual James Colbert Rendezvous. See how early Ten-nesseans lived, worked, and played during this pre-1840 living history event. Info: 901-876-5201.
- 24 Fall Creek Falls State Park.** Wild Foods Day. Hikes to identify edible wild plants and workshops on prepar-ing wild meats and breads conclude with a wild feast. Info: 423-881-5708.
- 24 & 31 Rugby.** Historic Rugby's Halloween Ghostly Gather-ing. A calling of the spirits of Rugby's past, featuring storytelling, lantern lit tours of historic buildings and a chili dinner. Info: 1-888-214-3400.
- 29 Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park.** Scary Stories at the Carter Mansion. Tales of woe and terror, the weird and macabre, with a touch of wit at the Carter Mansion graveyard starting at 7:30 p.m. Info: 423-543-5808.
- 30 David Crockett State Park.** 5th Annual Halloween History Trail. The trail is a short walk lit by Jack-O-Lanterns with stops along the way. First tour begins at 7 p.m. Info: 931-762-9408.